

Considerations When Planning for American Indian Interpretation at Your Site
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- Why add American Indian interpretation?
American Indian history and culture add dimension to your site
American Indian heritage is highly popular with the general public and with heritage tourists and families with children in particular
What are your reasons?
- What type of interpretation might be best suited for your site?
Indoor static interpretation or exhibit – could be additional material, or enhancement of former material for cultural balance
Occasional programming – lectures, panels or seminars, living history presentations
Teacher workshop
Regular programming – such annual American Indian Day
Cultural landscape interpretation
Other ideas?
- Resources for American Indian interpretation & programming
Primary sources
Recommended secondary sources
Regional archaeologists
Native organizations
National Museum of the American Indian
Tribal contacts
NPS material from Capt John Smith Trail
Virginia Indian Heritage Program
Other suggestions?
- Special considerations
Language, jargon, and stereotypes
Variety in resources and advisors
Historical biases
Visitor expectations
Questions?

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